

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been rejected as anticipated by Draftex, EP 0 915 302 A2. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to further recite the mounting posts each having a planar configuration defined by a first planar surface and an opposite second planar surface (Fig. 3), the first and second planar surfaces extending away from the housing to through the flap (Fig. 4), each of the first and second planar surfaces extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis defined by each mounting opening (Fig. 3). The studs (58, 60) of Draftex are not planar and do not extend through elongated mounting openings perpendicular to longitudinal axes of the mounting openings. Claim 1, as well as claims 2-7 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

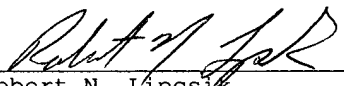
Claim 10 has been further amended to recite the mounting openings being disposed along a centerline of the flap such that the flap comprises a first cover portion on one side of the mounting openings and a second cover portion on another opposite side of the mounting openings (Fig. 1) and at least a portion of said first and said second cover portions of the flap being movable relative to the housing in response to an air pressure differential acting on opposite portions of the flap (Specification, page 3, lines 7-15). The flap valves

(38, 40) of Draftex each only move on one side of the studs (58, 60) in response to a pressure differential. Claim 10, as well as claims 9 and 11-12 which depend from claim 10, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

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